

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating rating notification to a user of a requested service in a communications system, ~~characterised by~~ comprising the steps of:

traversing a tariff structure (101);

during the traversing, detecting one or more notification ~~triggers~~ requests for intermediate conditions (102);¹ and

sending one or more notifications resulting from said one or more notifications requests to the user (104,107).

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 1, ~~characterised by~~ comprising, after the step of detecting said one or more notification requests, the further steps of:

analysing said detected one or more notification requests to determine if the notification should be sent directly to the user (3) or to be collected for post-analysis (103);² and

if the notification is determined to be sent directly (103), sending said one or more notifications to the user (3), else, storing said one or more notification request for post-analysis.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 2, ~~characterised by~~ comprising the step of, if one or more notifications are collected for post-analysis, analysing all unsent notifications (105) for determining which are to be sent.

4. (Currently Amended) AThe method according to claim 2 ~~or 3, characterised by comprising~~ the step of merging one or more messages before they are sent to the user ~~(106)~~.
5. (Currently Amended) AThe method according to claim 4, wherein the merging is determined by a merging logic.
6. (Currently Amended) AThe method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 2, characterised in that wherein said analysis is run on enquiry; before, during or after session/call/purchase; or before, during, or after refill.
7. (Currently Amended) AThe method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, characterised in that wherein said one or more notification requests are for price enquiries.
8. (Currently Amended) AThe method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, characterised in that wherein all conditions fulfilled during traversal is output as a log, wherein said log is processed in a subsequent step by a separate process to analyse the performed rating and produce corresponding one or more notifications.
9. (Currently Amended) AThe method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, characterised in that wherein specific triggers notification requests in the tariff structure triggers notifications that can either be issued in real-time or collected for further processing.
10. (Currently Amended) AThe method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, characterised in that wherein one or more condition that is fulfilled is sent to an external notification process for analysis.

11. (Currently Amended) A The method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ a log of how the tariff structure has been traversed is created and processed after the analyses for generating a notification(s).
12. (Currently Amended) A The method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the conditions affect the result being determined.
13. (Currently Amended) A The method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the notification is sent to another destination than the terminal involved in the chargeable session.
14. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium comprising program instructions for causing a computer to perform the method of ~~any of the claims 1-13~~ claim 1.
15. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable carrier and comprising computer executable instructions for causing a computer to perform the method according to ~~claims 1-13~~ claim 1.
16. (Currently Amended) A The computer program according to claim 15, wherein said carrier is a record medium, computer memory, read-only memory or an electrical carrier signal.
17. (Currently Amended) A system for generating rating notification(s) to a user in a communications system characterised by rating means (4) including a computer apparatus adapted to perform the method of ~~any of the claims 1-13~~ claim 1.
18. (Currently Amended) A The system as in claim 17, wherein said system is operating in a mobile communications system.

19. (Currently Amended) AThe system as in claim 17, wherein said system is an Internet protocol based protocol or a common channel signalling system.

20. (Currently Amended) AThe system as in ~~any of the claims 17-19~~ claim 17, wherein said service is a prepaid service.

21. (Currently Amended) AThe system as in ~~any of the claims 17-20~~ claim 17, wherein said service is an electronic commerce/payment service.